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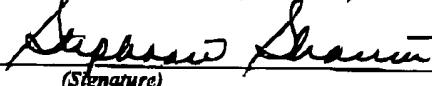
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REMARKS

The Examiner has rejected Applicants' claims based on an abandoned patent application ('374 Osamu) which was discredited by the authors' of the application. Applicants' requests reconsideration. The authors stated in a subsequent application that the technique referred to in the abandoned application would not work and "must be avoided". Under these circumstances the abandoned application is not a proper reference against Applicants' invention.